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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION ON BAUXITE

1. JAMAICAN MEDIA PAST WEEK HIGHLIGHTED VISIT OF SURINAM PM ARRON FOR TALKS WITH THE GOJ ON "AREAS OF POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE FROM JAMAICA TO SURINAM IN DEALING WITH BAUXITE COMPANIES OPERATING THERE."

2. OTHER STORIES INCLUDED ONES ON PAYMENT OF THE SECOND QUARTERLY PRODUCTION LEVY OF US\$39 MILLION JULY 15, ON ALCOA ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORD ALUMINA PRODUCTION DURING JUNE AND ALCOA ANNOUNCEMENT OF 21 CENT PER SHARE EARNINGS DROP.

3. THE GLEANER FEATURED TWO ARTICLES BY AMERICANS BOB REGAN OF AMERICAN METAL AND MARKET AND STEWART SPECTOR (NOT OTHERWISE IDENTIFIED) CAUTIONING THAT US WAS REDUCING BAUXITE, ALUMINA IMPORTS FROM JAMAICA AND THAT JAMAICA MAY HAVE PRICED ITSELF OUT OF US MARKET, RESPECTIVELY.

4. EDITORIALS APPEARING IN GLEANER, DAILY NEWS AND THE VOICE, ALSO FEATURED BREAKDOWN IN NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN ALCOA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, FOLLOWING JAMAICAN PATTERN, EXPRESSING BELIEF

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THAT DR, THOUGH NOT IBA MEMBER, WOULD NOT NEGOTIATE AT EXPENSE

OF SISTER CARIBBEAN COUNTRY. ALL THREE PAPERS, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT MULTINATIONALS MAY BOTH PLAY OFF ONE COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER WHILE ESCALATING RESEARCH AIMED AT ECONOMICAL EXPLOITATION OF SUBSTITUTE SOURCES DOMESTICALLY.

5. DAILY NEWS CAPSULIZES BARRON'S MAGAZINE ARTICLE BERATING GOJ FOR VIOLATING SANCTITY OF CONTRACTS. ARTICLE QUOTES BARRON'S AS SAYING THAT LACKING ASSURANCE THAT JAMAICA HONORS CONTRACTS, "NOBODY IN HIS RIGHT MIND WOULD PUT A PENNY IN JAMAICA."  
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